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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1202

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TAGS: PINS MO LY

SUBJECT: STATUS OF UNFP/ RABAT AFTER THRONE DAY DISSIDENCE

REF: RABAT 1096

1. REFFTEL REPORTED INTER ALIA THAT MOROCCAN POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING LINKS BETWEEN UNFP/ RABAT AND LIBYAN- SUPPORTED EXILES RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTS ON AND AFTER THRONE DAY CELEBRATIONS. IT SAID PARTY LEADER OMAR BENJELLOUN ARRESTED AND NOTED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT ABDERRAHIM BOUABID AND MOHAMMED LAKHSASSI HAD LEFT RABAT TO AVOID ARREST.

2. UNFP/ RABAT SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 16 THAT BOUABID IS IN PARIS BUT THAT HE LEFT RABAT BEFORE THRONE DAY MARCH 3 AT FRENCH DOCTOR' S RECOMMENDATION FOR CHECK- UP ONE YEAR AFTER HIS TREATMENT LAST YEAR IN PARIS FOR KIDNEY AILMENT. SOURCE SAID LAKHSASSI FREE IN RABAT AND THAT MOHAMED YAZGHI, WHO WITH BENJELLOUN AND LAKHSASSI IS UNFP/ RABAT YOUNG TURK, IS AT
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RABAT HOME RECUPERATING FROM PARCEL BOMB INJURIES. IN ADDITION TO BENJELLOUN, ONLY NOTABLE PARTY MEMBER UNDER ARREST IS MUSTAPHA KERCHAOUI WHO WITH BENJELLOUN IS EDITOR OF PARTYNEWSPAPER "AL- MUHARRIR."

3. SOURCE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT UNFP/ RABAT ACTIVISTS ARE UNDERGOING POLICE HARASSMENT SUCH AS BEING FOLLOWED BY UNMARKED CARS, HAVING TELEPHONES TAPPED; AND OCCASIONALLY BEING PICKED UP FOR QUESTIONING BY POLICE. PARTY HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE DATED MARCH 12 (REPORTED IN " LE MONDE" DATED MARCH 15) WHICH DENOUNCES POLICE HARASSMENT AND STATES THAT EACH TIME REGIME FACES CRISIS AND POPULAR DISCONTENT IT RESORTS TO " SYSTEMATIC AND CONCERTED REPRESSION AGAINST UNFP MILITANTS." COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAYS SUCH ACTION WORSENS SITUATION WHICH CAN BE SAVED ONLY BY ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUE DEMOCRATIC LIFE IN NATION.
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